

TOWN OF AMENIA
Public Hearing and Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2011
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Business Workshop Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted and salute to our brave troops serving worldwide, and for lost loved ones.

Emergency Exits behind the Town Clerk and at the rear of the room behind the audience at the door entered.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

PUBLIC HEARING

2012 DUTCHSS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Supervisor Euvrard opened Public Hearing and read legal notice of **Public Hearing** published in the Millerton News to invite all interested parties for their input.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent recommended that the Town of Amenia apply for road base, culvert pipes and blacktop work on Cascade Mountain Road in the amount of approximately \$150,000.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to **CLOSE** Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb Eschbach, resident, announced an upcoming event entitled "9-11 A Survivor's Tribute" with guest speaker, Robert Mahoney, retired FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge. Event to be held in town gymnasium on September 9, 2011.

Tom Werner, resident, thanked the emergency group that protected the residents of Amenia and Wassaic during the recent storm. Mr. Werner stated that the same protection should be afforded the people of Wassaic with the recent application from Roxbury Sand & Gravel for composting. The primary valley aquifer should be protected, with no chance of contamination; therefore recommends that the town board deny Roxbury Sand & Gravel application.

Sharon Kroeger, resident, presented MOTION to allow protection to the residents of Wassaic and Amenia (primary valley aquifer) and recommended that the town board refuses to entertain any change to the Town Zoning Code. Supervisor Euvrard stated that Roxbury Sand & Gravel has withdrawn the request for Town Zoning change.

Nina Peek, resident, requested status of cleanup at Roxbury Sand & Gravel site.

Sally Leafe, resident, concerned about surface water in Wassaic; affecting resident's wells.

Dawn Klingner, Town of Amenia Court Clerk, requested that town board review voucher submitted for NYS Magistrate & Court Clerk Conference expense reimbursement.

HURRICANE IRENE DAMAGES

Supervisor Euvrard thanked the emergency response team and volunteers for their assistance during the recent hurricane damage.

Councilwoman Perotti thanked the Wassaic DDSO for their assistance in offering shelter and meals to area residents.

Supervisor Euvrard announced that Disaster Assistance Forms will be available for qualified residents to apply for damage reimbursement through Dutchess County. Forms will be available in the Town Clerk's office.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Highway

RESOLUTION #38 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO OFFICIALLY EXECUTE THE RENEWAL OF A BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,667.00 TO PAY FOR HIGHWAY, BRIDGE AND RELATED STREAM RESTORATION WITHIN THE TOWN OF AMENIA IN THE VICINITY OF THE NELSON ROAD BRIDGE. SAID BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE MATURES ON OCTOBER 12, 2012.

MOTION by Councilwoman Riemer, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti, that was;
ADOPTED-VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

Water Department

No Report

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that residents have approached the town clerk's office to assist them in registering for disaster assistance due to recent hurricane.

NYS Town Clerk's Association has maintained communication throughout the emergency situation, and have volunteered to assist other town clerk's that have been displaced or closed offices due to hurricane damages. Maureen Bonds stated that she is proud to be a member of both the Dutchess County and New York State Clerk's Association.

Supervisor Euvrard thanked Gary and Maureen Bonds for their assistance in notifying the Amenia residents with any emergency updates by posting information on Public Access Channel 22.

COMMITTEES

Recreation

Tom Werner, member, announced that candidate interviews have been scheduled for the open volunteer position on September 13, 2011.

Board of Assessment Review

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to **RE-APPOINT Winifred (Una) Couture** as a member of the **Board of Assessment Review** for a five-year term.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Hotel Expense Reimbursement for Employees

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Euvrard stated that October 21, 2010 town board minutes reflected that hotel reimbursement will not be covered in 2011 town budget.

Councilwoman Doyle recollected that NYC Association of Towns Conference hotel accommodations were expensive and the town board agreed that hotel expenses would not be paid by town in 2011 budget.

Dawn Klingner, Amenia Court Clerk stated that conference expenses have been a budgeted item, and that voucher submitted reflects expenses to be reimbursed for conference attended for continued education.

Hotel Expense Reimbursement for Employees (cont'd)

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer, to not pay for hotels for any training of town employees or appointed personnel. *

Councilwoman Riemer stated that she paid for her room when attending a conference in Albany, NY for newly-elected officials.

Jim Devine, Town Justice, referred to town law that mandates the attendance of judges to specific conferences for further training.

Maureen Bonds, Town Clerk, referred to the October 21, 2010 town board minutes, stating that hotel reimbursement would not be paid for NYC Association of Towns Conference. She further stated that she recorded and transcribed said minutes. 2011 conference budget lines were decreased by fifty percent for departments. Annual NYS Town Clerk's Association conference expenses are identified in Town Clerk's budget line. Town Clerk's Accredited Continued Education Units (CEU's) are obtained by attending this conference, with training provided by NYS Comptroller's Office, Committee on Open Government, and NYS Department of Health. NYS Town Clerk's Association Conference is scheduled for May 2012 in Saratoga, New York, and plans are to attend.

Councilwomen Perotti and Riemer requested further clarification and interpretation of issue.

*Supervisor Euvrard requested roll call for above MOTION:

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Abstain
	Councilwoman Perotti	Abstain
	Councilwoman Doyle	No
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION NOT CARRIED 2 AYES – 2 ABSECTIONS – 1 NO

Grants

Supervisor Euvrard submitted monthly grant report.

2012 Amenia Dance Program

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard to AUTHORIZE Councilwoman Doyle to apply for up to \$1500 through the **NYS Council of the Arts** for dance teacher to help supplement the cost of town's main dance teacher.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #37 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO AMEND BUDGET LINES – JUSTICE OFFICE SUPPLIES, JUSTICE TRAINING, BUILDING MAINTENANCE, CONTINGENCIES, AND YOUTH PROGRAM.

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer that was;
ADOPTED-VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

DISCUSSION:

Town Hall Painting Bids - extend submission of bids to September 15, 2011.

CDBG application ideas: – water district improvements, handicap accessible, infrastructure improvement, Cascade Mountain Road improvement, Town Hall repair to roof.

Kent Hollow mining application.

Nextel Cell Tower will apply for special use permit renewal.

Snow Removal Bids – Councilwoman Perotti revising specifications.

Town Board Minutes of August 2011 –deferred to September 2011.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Local events announced.

Senator Ball is scheduled to attend September 15, 2011 town board meeting.

Maintained daily log for town during recent hurricane.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Local Events announced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Kroeger suggested that current issues with Trail to the Train project be shared with committee members.

Bill Flood suggested that town board members analyze costs for town hall.

Bill Carroll addressed budget cost issues: grantwriter, training.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to ADJOURN Business Workshop Meeting at 9:15pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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Approved by Town Board: October 20, 2011